Consolidating ownership of the public airwaves of this country is a direct threat to democracy as we know it. What was once a forum in which local communities were able to discuss local issues has become a tool for a few giant corporations to become extremely rich at the expense of diversity. A variety of voices must have access to public airwaves in order for a democracy to succeed. Without a wide array of viewpoints being broadcast over our airwaves we are nothing more than an oligarchy.